

COUNTRY <u>Germany (Soviet Zone)</u>		SECURITY INFORMATION	REPORT
TOPIC <u>Brand Airfield</u>			
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REMARKS			
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1. Between 7 and 27 May, all incoming and outgoing railroad shipments were observed at Brand airfield:

a. Incoming Shipments.

7 May. Six tank cars from Velten: 1 SS-type car with 350 wooden poles, 8.5 meters long, consignee Unit [redacted] unloaded by EM wearing red-bordered black epaulets. [redacted] 50X1-HUM

8 May. One SS-type car with 350 wooden poles, 8.5 meters long, from Deutsche Handelszentrale, dispatched from Kreuzbruch railroad station, 4 km south of Liebenwalde, unloaded by EM wearing red-bordered black epaulets. [redacted] 50X1-HUM

9 May. One SS-type car with 350 wooden poles, 8.5 meters long, from Deutsche Handelszentrale, dispatched from Kreuzbruch station, unloaded by EM wearing red-bordered black epaulets. The shipping labels of 8 and 9 May bore stamps [redacted] 50X1-HUM

11 May. One gondola car with boards from Unit [redacted] dispatched from Cottbus to Unit [redacted]

13 May. Seven railroad tank cars from Riesa harbor, Unit [redacted]

20 May. One gondola car with 3 meter long round poles, from Deutsche Handelszentrale in Niemegk, Zauch-Belzig district, to Red Army.

22 May. Six flatcars with 12 x 37-mm AA guns from Fuerstenwalde/Spree, dispatched by Unit [redacted] to Unit [redacted] (2) One boxcar with escorting personnel and green boxes. 25 to 30 cm high and 50 to 60 cm wide, length unidentified. [redacted] the boxes contained AAA ammunition or accessories. [redacted] 50X1-HUM

23 May. Seven railroad cars from Riesa harbor to Unit [redacted]

27 May. One boxcar with rounded timber, 3 meters long, from Wiesenburg, Magdeburg railroad subdistrict office to Unit Zoldatoff; the shipment was accepted by an NCO wearing black-bordered light blue epaulets. [redacted] 50X1-HUM

1 June. Twelve railroad tank cars from Riesa harbor, Unit [redacted] No 0095, painted on the left upper corner of the shipping label, allegedly meant that it was the 95th shipment, according to the FOL officer. [redacted] 50X1-HUM

6 June. One boxcar with 30 tons, probably ammunition, from Fuerstenwalde/Spree, Unit [redacted] to Soviet Occupation Forces. [redacted] 50X1-HUM

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7 June. Six tank cars from Riesa harbor, Unit [redacted]
 8 June. Four boxcars with furniture from Falkensee to Unit Konakov. [redacted]

b. Outgoing Shipments.

20 May. One flatcar with sideracks from Brand to Juetzenberg-Altes Lager; 1 crate stood on the front section and 1 crate on the rear section of the car; the space between, about 1 meter wide, was loaded with a long round device covered with a tarpaulin. The load was believed to be a power plant. [redacted]

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22 May. One boxcar from Fuersterwalde, Unit [redacted] to Markersdorf-Taucha, Chemnitz railroad subdistrict, for Unit [redacted]

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2. From 80 to 100 carloads with cement, gravel, broken stones and chipmunks arrived almost daily for the construction management. Two and a half million of bricks were also expected. On 10 June, 10 boxcars with brick clinkers arrived on the spur track. The rounded timber which had arrived in May was still stored on the railroad yard.

3. [redacted] was identified on railroad travel orders for 11, who wore black-bordered light-blue epaulets. [redacted]

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4. The following aviation badges were observed:
 golden badge with red star and bomb;
 golden badge with red star and crossed swords;
 golden badge with red star and light-blue shield;
 golden badge with red star and crossed hammer and screw driver;
 silver badge with red star and crossed hammer and screw driver
 The latter two badges were observed on two officers on 9 June. The same badge was also worn by the POL sub-lieutenant. [redacted]

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5. A patrol consisting of a lieutenant and 2 EM, both wearing red-bordered black epaulets were observed. One of the soldiers wore artillery insignia, and the other one wore signal insignia.

6. Trucks [redacted] the latter with a box-like superstructure, were almost daily observed at the field. On 8 May, truck [redacted] was loaded with boxes, some soviet civilians and two devices about 1.5 meters high and covered with tarpaulin. The device had a six to eight-cornered plug about 75 cm from the base. Sedan [redacted] was used as a patrol car toward Briesen.

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7. Between 10:30 and 11:15 a.m. on 20 May, 14 type-27, 1 type-30 jet bombers and 1 biplane practiced flying at Brand airfield. [redacted]

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[redacted] After the landing of jet aircraft [redacted]
 [redacted] the tracks of the landings wheels were 3 meters long.

8. Trucks [redacted] and jeep [redacted] were observed at the field. The first truck was occupied by 6 EM who wore black-bordered blue and red-bordered black epaulets.

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9. Between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on 3 June, take-offs and landings were continuously made by a type-30 [redacted]. During the same time, six take-offs were made by a type-27 [redacted]. At 9 a.m., 13 jet bombers were parked at the dispersal areas. On 4 June, there was no flying. It was drizzling. No flying activity was observed on 5 June. Throughout the day, infantry exercises were performed by about 200 men in platoon strength between the landing field and the fence around the field. The soldiers wore black-bordered blue and red-bordered black epaulets. The platoons dug large foxholes. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
10. Between noon and 2 p.m. on 6 June, a type-30 jet bomber [redacted] made two or three take-offs and, after about one hour, practiced taxiing at the landing field, hardstands and dispersal areas. The aircraft continuously practiced turning while taxiing. [redacted] the crews were changed. After the taxiing exercises, some take-offs were made. Soldiers were observed near the 17 jet bombers on the dispersal area. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- [redacted] Previously, a sixth plane [redacted] belonged to this group. On 7 June up to 1 p.m., no air activity was observed. Seventeen aircraft covered with tarpaulins were parked on the dispersal area. Between 5:45 a.m. and about 6 p.m. on 13 June, individual take-offs were continuously observed. One type-30 jet bomber and 16 type-27 jet aircraft were parked on the dispersal areas. On 14 June up to 1:30 p.m., there was no flying. It was raining heavily.
11. On 5 June, between 4:30 and 5:30 p.m., the extension of the dispersal area was being surveyed by engineers who were controlled by three Soviet officers. Construction work on the dispersal area started on 9 June. [redacted] For this reason, the aircraft were parked closer together on the western section of the dispersal area. The eastern aircraft group consisting of five planes [redacted] had changed their arrangement. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
12. It appeared that new air personnel had arrived in early June. On 6 June, Colonel Zaldatov (fnu), commanding officer of the field was still observed.
13. Fire truck [redacted] and the following trucks were observed entering and leaving the field: [redacted] 50X1-HUM
14. On 5 June, no air activity was observed at the field. At 6 p.m., 17 type-27 jet bombers and 1 type-30 jet bomber, all without auxiliary fuel tanks, were parked in line with the flight control station. The planes were arranged as follows from west to east: 6 type-27s, 1 type-30, 5 type-27s and 6 type-27s. At 11 a.m. on 6 June, one type-27 [redacted] landed at the field, coming from the east. No air activity was observed on 7 June. At about 1 p.m., 16 type-27 jet bombers, and 1 type-30 were parked on the dispersal area in the following arrangement from west to east: 7 type-27s, 1 type-30 and 9 type-27s. At 3 p.m. on 11 June, 7 type-27s, 1 type-30 and 10 type-27s were parked on the dispersal area. 50X1-HUM
15. About 4 p.m. on 7 June, 4 AA guns of about 80 mm caliber were unloaded at Brand railroad station. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
16. A northwestern taxiway was under construction from the east end of the runway. A strip about 20 meters wide and about 200 meters long was concreted. Further excavation work was under way. [redacted] 50X1-HUM

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17. During the preceding days, [] between Krausnick and the air-field 20 officers ranking from sub-lieutenant to senior lieutenant who were not acquainted with the area. All of them were about 25 years old.

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18. On 11 June, [] the masts of the four-mast radio installation east of the east end of the runway were removed. The tent and radio truck were still at their previous location.

19. Trucks [] were observed at the field. []

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Comments.

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- (2) Previously, only one 37-mm AA battery in addition to 85-mm AA guns were observed at the field.
- (3) Soldatof (fnu) is colonel and commanding officer of the bomber regiment in Brand. His name was previously reported but in another spelling. []
- (4) Unit Konokov is believed to be a supply unit at Brand airfield. It was previously reported as consignee of a shipment from Falkensee. []
- (5) The load may be an axial flow engine. This type of loading was probably possible since Jueterbor, which is the destination of the shipment, is not far away.
- (6) According to previous information, the golden badges are apparently worn by air personnel and the silver badges by technical personnel. The insignia with crossed hammer and screw driver no doubt are assigned to members of the engineer corps. []
- (7) It is believed that the air force units and the AAA unit at the field are under the command of the commanding officer of the bomber regiment.
- (8) According to previous reports, it was intended to extend the dispersal area and to widen the southern taxiway.
- (9) After the arrival of four AA guns, Brand airfield had 4 x 85-mm AA guns and three batteries, each of 6 x 37-mm guns.
- (10) About half of the northern taxiway is completed from the west end of the runway. The observation that work now started from the eastern end indicates that construction work at the field has been accelerated.
- (11) The report confirms that Brand airfield is occupied by 17 type-27s and 1 type-30. During the first week in June, there was less air activity at the field than in May. It was conspicuous that no night flying was practiced contrary to observations made in the second half of May.

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